

Our Cultures Count



Information for Mayi Kuwayu Study participants

This Information Sheet is for you to keep.

Mayi Kuwayu, the National Study of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Wellbeing is controlled by Aboriginal researchers at the Australian National University (ANU). In Ngijampaa language, 'Mayi Kuwayu' means to follow Aboriginal people over time.

This research aims to understand how Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture links to health and wellbeing. We have worked with many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities over the last three years to develop a survey about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and wellbeing.

This Study will provide information for community, services and policy makers about things that improve Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and wellbeing. We will share our findings so that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities throughout Australia can use the results in a way that helps them.

Who can participate?

Any Aboriginal and or Torres Strait Islander person 16 years or older can complete the survey.

What do I need to do?

To take part, complete the survey on paper, online, or over the phone. Please make sure you provide your full name and signature. If you agree to be contacted by the Study in the future or to have your data linked to health records, please provide your contact details in the space provided.

Do I have to participate?

No. It is your choice to take part.

How do I know my information will be safe?

This Study is bound by strict privacy laws (*Privacy Act 1988**). All information collected will be used for this research only and treated confidentially (as far as allowed by law). No information will be reported in a way that will allow you, your household or your community to be identified.

All data will be stored securely at the ANU. Data will be kept for the duration of the Mayi Kuwayu Study research. The use of data from the Mayi Kuwayu Study will be strictly controlled by an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander governance committee.

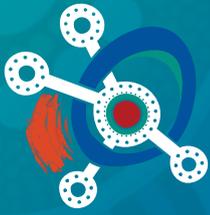
**In collecting your personal information within this research, the ANU must comply with the Privacy Act 1988. The ANU Privacy Policy is available at https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_010007 and it contains information about how a person can: access or seek correction to their personal information; or complain about a breach of an Australian Privacy Principle by ANU, and how ANU will handle the complaint.*

How will my information be used?

Your information will only be used for research about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and wellbeing.

How will this Study help me and my community?

By sharing your story, we aim to produce information that will contribute to better services, programs and policy.



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and Torres Strait Islander Wellbeing

For further information on the Mayi Kuwayu Study,
please visit our website: mkstudy.com.au,
call 1800 531 600 (free call) or find us on social media.

Other information?

We also ask for your permission to have other health information about you included in the Study. You can agree to have your survey data linked to your Hospital records, Cancer records, and Death records. This additional information helps us understand how your survey answers relate to your use of hospital services and your health outcomes over time and helps us to have a more detailed view of your health and wellbeing.

Follow up in the future

We would like to contact you in the future. If you agree, we will send you follow-up Mayi Kuwayu Study surveys to complete so we can track your health and wellbeing over time. We will also send you updates on the study and its findings.

Don't want to be part of the Study anymore?

You can withdraw from the Study at any time by calling us on 1800 531 600 (free) or emailing mkstudy@anu.edu.au. If you request to leave the Study, we will securely destroy your data.

Your consent will stay valid following your death or disablement. If you wish to be withdrawn from the study in that event, let your next of kin (or other person responsible for your affairs) know so that they can contact the Study to withdraw you from the Study.

Has the Study been approved?

The ethical aspects of this research have been approved by the following Human Research Ethics Committees: AIATSIS (Reference: E030/22052015); the ANU (2016/767); the CAHREC (CA-17-2810); the Northern Territory Department of Health and Menzies School of Health Research (2017-2804); the WAAHEC (787); the AH&MRC (1268/17); The University of Tasmania (H0016473); the AHREC (04-17-723); St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne (HREC 132/17); and the Department of Health (10-2017).

What are the potential risks?

Some questions in the survey may make you feel uncomfortable or upset. You can contact Lifeline on 13 11 14 or visit lifeline.org.au. Or you can visit sewbnh.org.au/location/list for a list of services in your local community.

Any questions, comments, or concerns?

If you have any questions, comments or concerns about the Study, or if you know someone else who would like to do the survey, call the Study on 1800 531 600 (free call), email us at mkstudy@anu.edu.au or visit mkstudy.com.au.

If you have any concerns or complaints about how this research has been conducted, please contact Ethics Manager, The ANU Human Research Ethics Committee on (02) 6125 3427 or Human.Ethics.Officer@anu.edu.au.

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